

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1 of the Specification, please amend paragraph [0001] to read:

[0001] This application is related to the copending application titled "Methods for High Fidelity Production of Long Nucleic Acid Molecules" by Carr et al., U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/733,847, and filed concurrently herewith on December 10, 2003.